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Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

The new Claims are grouped as 18-25, 26-33, 34-37, where Claims 18, 26, and 34 are independent Claims.

18. (New) A computer virus avoidance system that sends an e-mail with a mock computer virus to e-mail users and creates a first list of e-mail user identifiers of e-mail users who activate the mock computer virus.

19. (New) The computer virus avoidance system of claim 18, wherein the mock computer virus displays a message to the e-mail user when the mock computer virus is activated.

20. (New) The computer virus avoidance system of claim 18, wherein an e-mail is sent to an e-mail user who activates the mock computer virus.

21. (New) The computer virus avoidance system of claim 18, wherein a second list of e-mail user identifiers is created of e-mail users who delete the e-mail message with the mock virus.

22. (New) The computer virus avoidance system of claim 18, wherein the mock computer virus sends an e-mail to a preset e-mail address when the mock computer virus is activated.